

Agenda
Regional Mitigation Planning – Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone Pilot Project
Phase I - Kickoff
August 29-30, 2012
Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

Project Objective: Develop an action plan for the preparation of the Regional Mitigation Plan for the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone.

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

- 8:00 – 8:30 Welcome. Why is the BLM undertaking this initiative? Explain how this project is related to the Solar PEIS, discuss the uniqueness of Solar Energy Zones and the opportunities they present for mitigation planning.
(Presenter - Shannon Stewart/BLM)
- 8:30 – 9:00 Purpose of the meeting, agenda, logistics, introductions
(Presented by Argonne National Laboratory facilitators – Karen Smith, lead)

Session 1: Why undertake a new approach to mitigation?

- 9:00 – 9:30 How does BLM currently plan for and manage mitigation for renewable energy rights-of-way?
(Presenter - Greg Helseth/BLM)
- 9:30 – 9:45 Break
- 9:45 – 10:45 Redefining mitigation – conservation community view – panel discussion followed by facilitated group discussion
(Panel: Laura Crane/The Nature Conservancy, John Hiatt/Red Rock Audubon Society)
- 10:45 – 11:45 Redefining mitigation - solar industry view - panel discussion followed by facilitated group discussion
(Panel – Andrew Wang/Solar Reserve LLC, Clay Jensen/Bright Source Energy)
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 Redefining mitigation - other multiple-use perspectives – panel discussion followed by facilitated group discussion
(Panel – Stephen Fosberg/BLM; Steve Belinda/Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership)

Session 2: What does the new approach to mitigation entail?

- 2:00 – 2:30 Proposed Solar Regional Mitigation Planning Framework (RMPF): Final Solar PEIS Appendix A.2.5 - presentation followed by facilitated group discussion
(Presenters – Joe Vieira and Shannon Stewart/BLM)
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 3:15 Solar Long-Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP): Final Solar PEIS Appendix A.2.4) - presentation followed by facilitated group discussion
(Presenters - Gordon Toevs and Jason Taylor/BLM)
- 3:15 – 4:30 Group discussion: Is the new approach on the right track? How might it be improved upon? How can stakeholders contribute? Are the outcomes appropriate and well-defined?
(Discussion facilitated by Argonne staff)
- 4:30 – 4:45 Summary of Day 1: overview of the goals and agenda for Day 2. Conduct preliminary participant evaluation.
(Joe Vieira/BLM staff and Karen Smith/Argonne)

Thursday, August 30, 2012

- 8:00 – 8:30 Welcome: Summary of Day 1 comments, presentation of Day 2 goals and agenda
(Joe Vieira/BLM staff and Karen Smith/Argonne)

Session 3: Develop an action plan for preparing a regional mitigation plan for the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone.

- 8:30 – 9:15 Overview of the Dry Lake SEZ: Affected environment/resource values, summary of impacts - presentation followed by facilitated group discussion
(Presenters –Heidi Hartmann and Ben O’Connor/Argonne)
- 9:15 – 9:45 Preliminary Framework and Action Plan: seven elements, how each element might be completed, who might be involved, preliminary list of ‘lessons-learned’ questions to be evaluated. Explain the group activity to follow.
(Presenter - Mike Dwyer, BLM)
- 9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:30	Break-out group discussions: feedback on the straw-man action plan (suggestions regarding the what, how, who; deliverables; ‘lessons-learned’ questions); how do you see your organization involved in the process?
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 2:00	Break-out group presentations: representative from each group present, followed by questions/discussion; 15 minutes per group <i>(Discussion facilitated by Argonne staff)</i>
2:00 – 2:30	Group Discussion: Consolidated list of recommend changes to the Framework <i>(Discussion facilitated by Argonne staff)</i>
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 4:15	Group Discussion: What impact issues should BLM address in the Dry Lake SEZ Regional Mitigation Plan. <i>(Discussion facilitated by Argonne staff)</i>
4:15 – 5:00	Closing and Evaluation: Summary of workshop discussion, next steps. Conduct participant evaluation. <i>(Joe Vieira/BLM staff and Karen Smith/Argonne)</i>